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Haying continues to advance in the province as livestock producers now have 67 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 14 per cent is cut and ready for baling, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Hay quality is currently rated as two per cent excellent, 46 per cent good, 44 per cent fair and eight per cent poor.

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One year ago

Fifty-seven per cent of the 2014 hay crop had been baled or put into silage while 22 per cent was cut and soon ready for baling. Rain and high humidity continued to delay haying and decrease hay quality.

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Topsoil moisture conditions have greatly improved in much of the province, thanks to heavy rains early in the week. Rainfall ranged from small amounts to well over four inches in some areas. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as seven per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 50 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 10 per cent very short.

Crops are ripening quickly, and the majority remains in poor-to-good condition. Harvest is just beginning in some parts of the province, with pulses being desiccated and some winter cereal and pulse crops being combined. Wind, hail, localized flooding and lack of rain have caused some crop damage this week.

Farmers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Rain and high humidity are delaying haying in much of the region. Sixty-nine per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage, while an additional 16 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as four per cent excellent, 52 per cent good, 36 per cent fair and eight per cent poor.

Large amounts of rain fell on Monday which has lodged crops but replenished topsoil moisture. The Whitewood area received 75 mm of rain last week, while the Tantallon area has received 253 mm of rain since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as three per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 49 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Many crops are ripening quickly in the region and some pulse crops are being desiccated. Producers will soon begin combining some winter cereal and pulse crops. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by wind, hail, localized flooding and lack of moisture.

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Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Eighty-four per cent of the hay crop has now been baled or put into silage, with an additional eight per cent cut and ready shortly for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 35 per cent good, 57 per cent fair and eight per cent poor.

Heavy rain on Monday has lodged crops and flooded some fields and adjacent roads. The Eyebrow area received 120 mm of rain last week, while the Mortlach area has received 271 mm of rain since April 1, the greatest amount for both the region and the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved with the recent rain. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as four per cent surplus, 60 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and 11 per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as four per cent surplus, 44 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and 18 per cent very short.

Harvest is underway in some areas as pulses are being desiccated. Some winter cereal and pulse crops are being combined as weather and time permit. Crops are ripening quickly and canola will soon be ready for swathing. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by wind, localized flooding and lack of moisture.

Farmers are busy haying and beginning harvest.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Livestock producers now have 55 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 18 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as three per cent excellent, 47 per cent good, 47 per cent fair and three per cent poor.

Large amounts of rain fell in much of the region, with the Earl Grey area reporting 90 mm of rain in one day. The Saltcoats area has reported 262 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture has improved thanks to the recent rain. Conditions on cropland are rated as 23 per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 17 per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate and 15 per cent short.

Crops are developing quickly, thanks to the recent rains. Some producers are spraying for aphids. Most crop damage this week was caused hail, wind and lack of moisture.

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West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Livestock producers have 71 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage and an additional 14 per cent cut and soon ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 36 per cent good, 44 per cent fair and 20 per cent poor.

Last week's rain has helped alleviate moisture stress in some areas. The Dinsmore area received the greatest amount for the region (55 mm), bringing its total received since April 1 to 191 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as one per cent surplus, 47 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 16 per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as one per cent surplus, 38 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and 27 per cent very short.

Crops are ripening quickly and some producers have begun desiccating pulse crops. Some producers are spraying for aphids as time and weather permits. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by hail, wind and lack of moisture.

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Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Sixty-seven per cent of the hay is now baled or put into silage, while an additional 11 per cent is cut and will soon ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as eight per cent excellent, 62 per cent good and 30 per cent fair. Recent rain has delayed haying and lowered quality in some areas.

Rainfall varied throughout the region, ranging from trace amounts to 20 mm in the Prince Albert area. The Nipawin area has received 183 mm of rain since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 78 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and six per cent very short.

Crops are developing quickly in the region and some producers expect to be desiccating and swathing in the coming weeks. Most crop damage this week was caused by hail, wind and lack of moisture.

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Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Forty-five per cent of the hay crop has now been baled or put into silage, with an additional 20 per cent cut and soon to be ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 53 per cent good, 42 per cent fair and five per cent poor.

Large amounts of rain fell in the region, with the Frenchman Butte area receiving 63 mm. Since April 1, the Turtleford area has received 175 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 65 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 46 per cent adequate, 50 per cent short and four per cent very short.

Crops are ripening quickly and producers are indicating they will soon begin desiccating some pulse crops. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by wind, hail and lack of moisture.

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SK (provincial) Crop Conditions - July 27, 2015							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	1	0	8	2	10	6	2
% good	51	29	52	33	63	56	47
% fair	40	48	31	46	23	30	39
% poor	7	23	8	17	4	7	11
% very poor	1	0	1	2	0	1	1
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	5	9	0	15	4	4	2
% good	42	47	30	46	38	42	41
% fair	41	32	39	29	45	41	40
% poor	11	11	31	9	11	10	9
% very poor	1	1	0	1	2	3	8

Southeast							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	2	1	17	2	11	9	2
% good	60	72	49	26	64	53	41
% fair	31	26	26	55	22	31	47
% poor	7	1	7	17	3	7	9
% very poor	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	3	13	0	19	10	9	35
% good	37	34	30	43	47	44	55
% fair	45	39	35	28	34	36	8
% poor	13	11	35	8	8	11	2
% very poor	2	3	0	2	1	0	0

Southwest							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% good	30	13	37	34	37	47	11
% fair	63	57	41	46	49	39	57
% poor	7	30	20	18	14	13	23
% very poor	0	0	2	2	0	1	9
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
% good	16	11	27	0	18	33	42
% fair	63	58	37	0	60	50	47
% poor	21	28	36	78	20	15	11
% very poor	0	3	0	22	1	1	0

East-central

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	3	4	10	11	8	7	7
% good	75	60	67	79	70	72	72
% fair	17	19	20	10	20	19	21
% poor	5	14	3	0	2	2	0
% very poor	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	12	8	0	2	14	6	50
% good	68	63	73	62	71	81	50
% fair	19	23	26	30	13	13	0
% poor	1	6	1	6	2	0	0
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

West-central

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	0	0	2	3	1	2	0
% good	20	22	37	29	32	29	45
% fair	70	74	45	40	55	50	38
% poor	10	4	11	15	9	11	17
% very poor	0	0	5	13	3	8	0

	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	2	0	0	0	2	6	0
% good	45	30	29	23	44	46	30
% fair	41	46	56	61	42	37	20
% poor	12	17	15	16	7	5	0
% very poor	0	7	0	0	5	6	50

Northeast

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	0	0	10	5	15	12	10
% good	76	99	74	62	72	75	68
% fair	24	1	15	23	12	12	19
% poor	0	0	1	10	1	1	3
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	17	16	0	0	8	0	N/A
% good	62	69	40	53	71	70	N/A
% fair	18	10	40	40	19	28	N/A
% poor	3	5	20	7	2	2	N/A
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A

Northwest

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	0	0	7	N/A	8	8	0
% good	20	17	44	N/A	47	48	50
% fair	50	65	43	N/A	37	34	20
% poor	30	15	6	N/A	8	10	0
% very poor	0	3	0	N/A	0	0	0

	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	0	8	0	N/A	3	44	N/A
% good	30	39	0	N/A	50	19	N/A
% fair	70	41	50	N/A	40	0	N/A
% poor	0	10	50	N/A	2	19	N/A
% very poor	0	2	0	N/A	5	18	N/A

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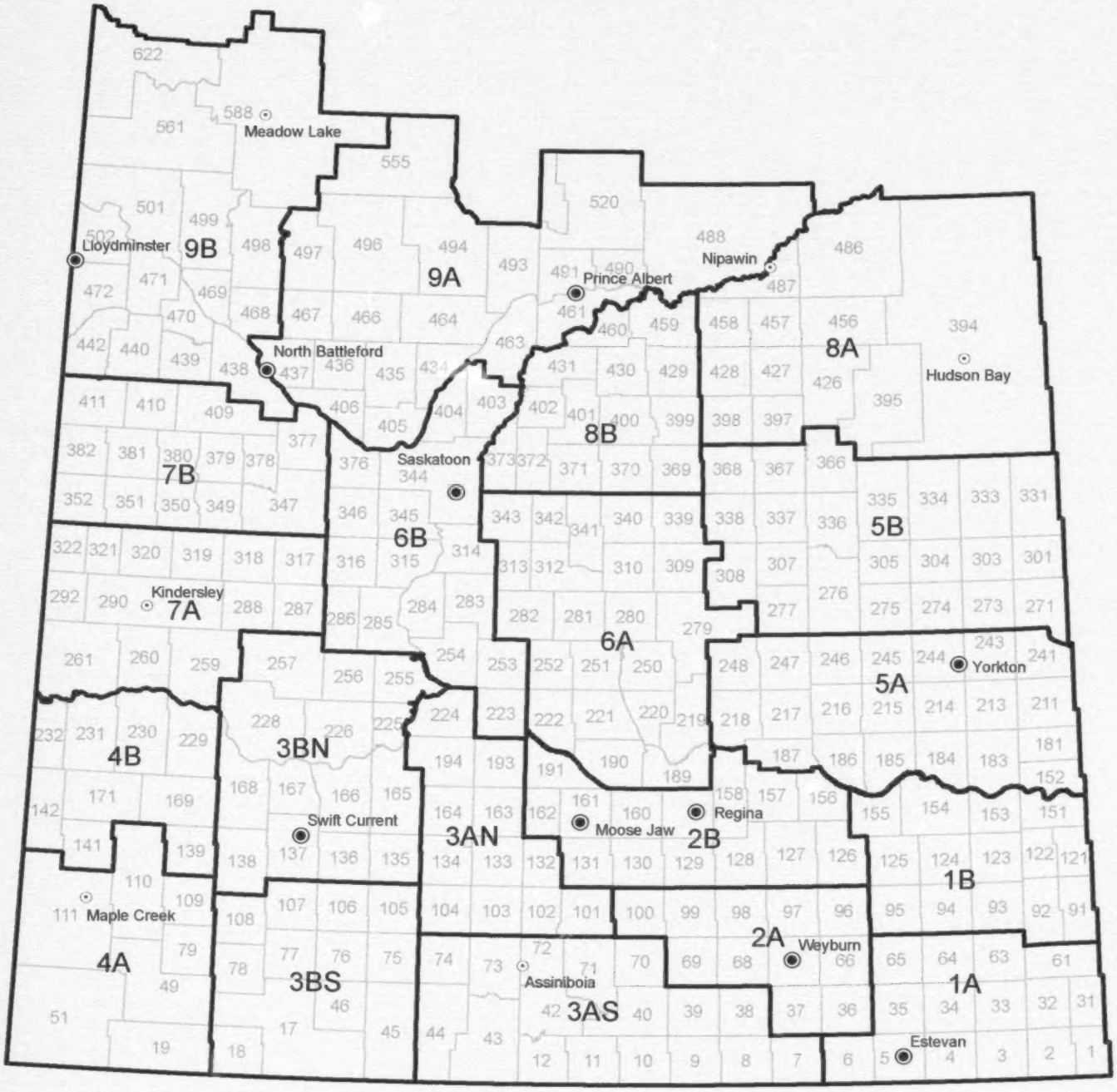
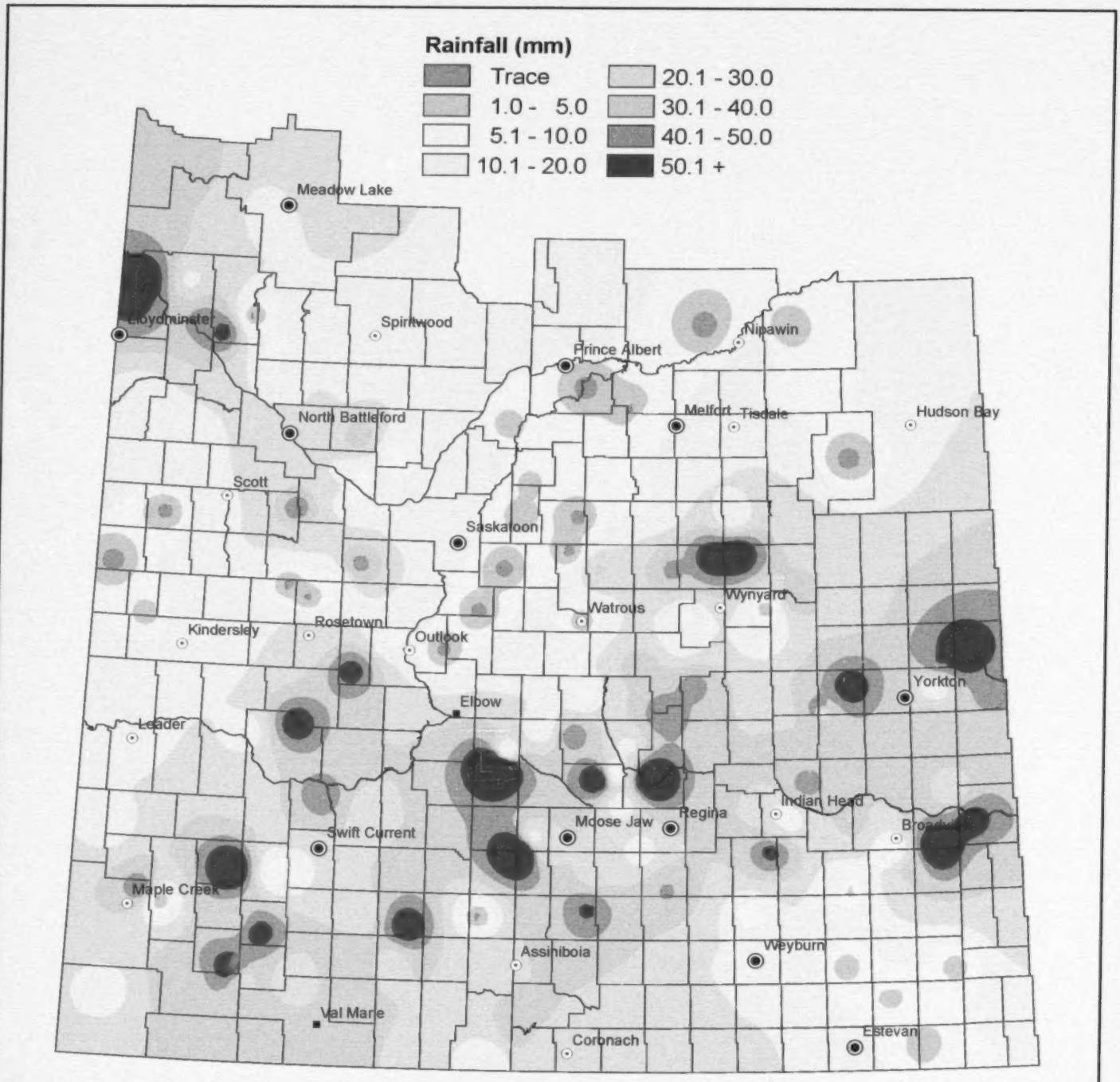


Weekly Rainfall

from July 21 to July 27, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period July 21 to 27, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	9	168
	3	Enniskillen	3	174
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	192
	34	Browning	3	134
	61	Antler	N/A	136
	63	Moose Mountain	3.6	137.3
	64	Brock	10	137
	65	Tecumseh	3	109.5
1B	91	Maryfield	22	162
	122	Martin	30	205
	123	Silverwood	75	219
	124	Kingsley	32	148
	125 A	Chester	18	178
	125 B	Chester	2	126
	151 A	Rocanville	57	253
	154	Elcapo	6	118
	155 A	Wolseley	32	225
2A	67	Weyburn	17	125
	68	Brokenshell	16	107
	97	Wellington	7.5	111
2B	127 A	Francis	54.5	177.5
	127 B	Francis	43.1	110.1
	129	Bratt's Lake	41	95.5
	131 A	Baildon	24	137
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	72
	156 A	Indian Head	6	110.5
	156 B	Indian Head	30	215
	160 A	Pense	30	85
	161	Moose Jaw	14	97
	162	Caron	15	68.2
	191	Marquis	N/A	94
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	23.1	95.8
	38 B	Laurier	24.5	93.5
	39 A	The Gap	37	144
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	99
	12	Poplar Valley	25	171
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	23	144
	42	Willow Bunch	39	148
	43	Old Post	11	101.5
	70	Key West	N/A	25.4
	73 A	Stonehenge	26.7	145.5
	73 B	Stonehenge	26	148
3AN	101	Terrell	52	149
	102	Lake Johnston	37.5	108.2
	103	Sutton	0	129
	132 A	Hillsborough	100	271
	132 B	Hillsborough	22	129
	134	Shamrock	N/A	31.5
	193 A	Eyebrow	71	230
	193 B	Eyebrow	120	242
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	66.3
	75 A	Pinto Creek	25	212
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43
	76	Auvergne	39	171
	77	Wise Creek	24	124
	78	Grassy Creek	26	139.5
	105	Glenbain	61	180
	106	Whiska Creek	22	143
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	75
	108	Bone Creek	56	144
3BN	138 A	Webb	7	121.5
	138 B	Webb	5	74.5
	166	Excelsior	25	121
	167	Sask. Landing	48	160.4
	168 A	Riverside	30	96
	168 B	Riverside	22.6	77.8
	226	Victory	20	100
	228	Lacadena	15	72
	257	Minnet	58	117

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	36	185.0
	51	Reno	16.4	120.8
	79	Arlington	60	179
	109 A	Carmichael	33	96
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49
	110	Piapot	NIL	52
	111	Maple Creek	48.2	98.0
4B	139	Gull Lake	74	146
	142	Enterprise	15.2	159.4
	169	Pittville	N/A	31
	231	Happyland	15	45
	183 B	Fertile Belt	24	247
5A	186	Abernethy	44	182
	211	Churchbridge	31	192
	213	Saltcoats	33	262
	216	Tullymet	35	117
	241	Calder	46	175
	243	Wallace	10	107
	244	Orkney	N/A	140
	245 A	Garry	60	189
	245 B	Garry	1	138
	245 C	Garry	73	229
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	23	111
	247	Kellross	26	140
	248	Touchwood	44	125.0
	271	Cote	68	197
	273	Sliding Hills	51	153
	277	Emerald	10	86
5B	305	Invermay	21	135.5
	307	Elfros	2	121
	308 A	Big Quill	8	96
	308 B	Big Quill	12	110.5
	331	Livingston	31	84
	336	Sasman	38	119
	337	Lakeview	69	247
	338	Lakeside	62	189
	366	Kelvington	21	162
	367	Ponass Lake	12	167
6A	190 A	Dufferin	4	182
	190 B	Dufferin	75	200
	190 C	Dufferin	14	124
	190 D	Dufferin	16	130
	219 A	Longlaketon	50	160
	219 B	Longlaketon	90	197
	220	Mckillop	17	127
	221	Sarnia	48.4	177.4
	222	Craik	10	226
	251	Big Arm	7.5	146.8
	252	Arm River	19	190
	279	Mount Hope	35	120
	282	McCraney	10	155
	312	Morris	2.5	69.5
	313	Lost River	N/A	118
	339	Leroy	41.8	165.8
	340	Wolverine	31	150
	341	Viscount	NIL	151
	343 A	Blucher	NIL	124.7
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	75
6B	223	Huron	1	82
	284	Rudy	NIL	148
	285	Fertile Valley	8	156
	286	Milden	55	191
	314	Dundurn	NIL	109
	344	Corman Park	16	91
	346	Perdue	44	144
	376	Eagle Creek	9	100
	403	Rosthern	17	131

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	28	181
	288	Pleasant Valley	20	114
	290 A	Kindersley	18	102.8
	290 B	Kindersley	6.2	136.0
	290 C	Kindersley	16	118
	292	Milton	N/A	71
	317 A	Marriott	NI	111
	317 B	Marriott	5	153
	318	Mountain View	NIL	113
	320 A	Oakdale	N/A	71.5
	320 B	Oakdale	11	101
	321	Prairiedale	3	162.5
7B	347	Biggar	28	118
	350 A	Mariposa	12	87
	350 B	Mariposa	18	105
	351	Progress	N/A	65
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	101
	377	Glenside	22	111
	378 B	Rosemount	49	137
	379	Reford	23	99
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	54.5
	382	Eye Hill	N/A	38
	409	Buffalo	21	62
	410	Round Valley	17.5	105.4
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	131
	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	139.4
	428	Star City	N/A	210
	456	Arborfield	5	176
	457	Connaught	N/A	102.0
	486	Moose Range	2	133
	487	Nipawin	15	183
8B	369	St. Peter	10	126
	370 A	Humboldt	N/A	182
	370 B	Humboldt	N/A	149
	371	Bayne	NIL	144
	372	Grant	3	137.4
	400	Three Lakes	5	115
	402	Fish Creek	4	133
	429	Flett's Springs	9	142
	459	Kinistino	NIL	172
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	123.0
9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	131
	520	Paddockwood	20	168
	521	Lakeland	20	168
9AW	406	Mayfield	7	93
	435	Redberry	5	164
	436	Douglas	35	170
	463	Duck Lake	3	172.5
	467 A	Round Hill	21	114
	467 B	Round Hill	12	118
9B	438	Battle River	26	115
	440	Hillsdale	10.5	97
	442	Manitou Lake	13.2	93.9
	498 A	Parkdale	8	132.1
	498 B	Parkdale	10	113
	499 A	Marvin	54.9	174.9
	499 B	Marvin	NIL	31.5
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	18	155
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	44	114
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	63	167
	502	Britannia	55	109.5
	561	Loon Lake	30	168
	588 A	Meadow Lake	29	173
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	12	132
	622	Beaver River	36	153.5

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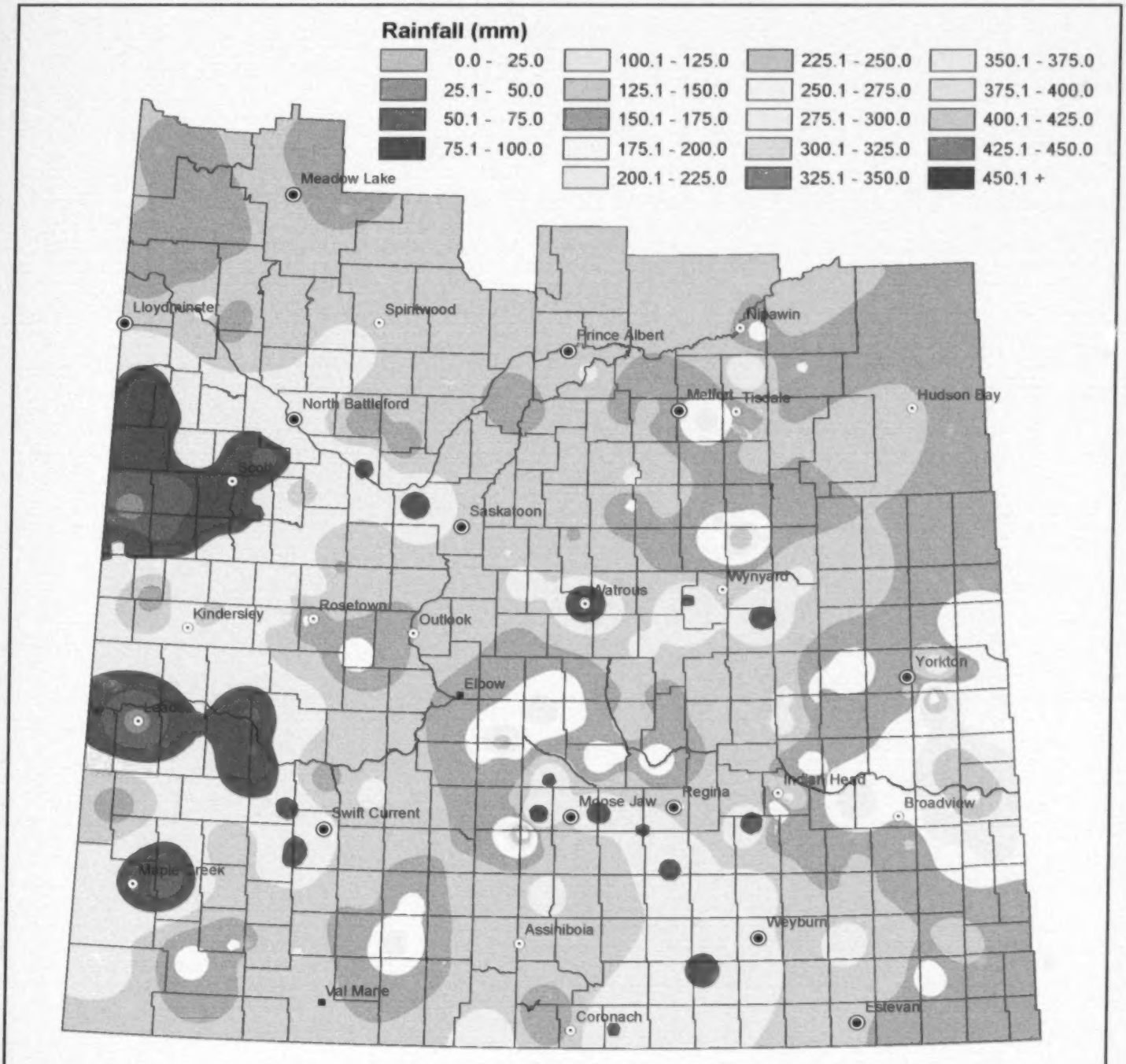

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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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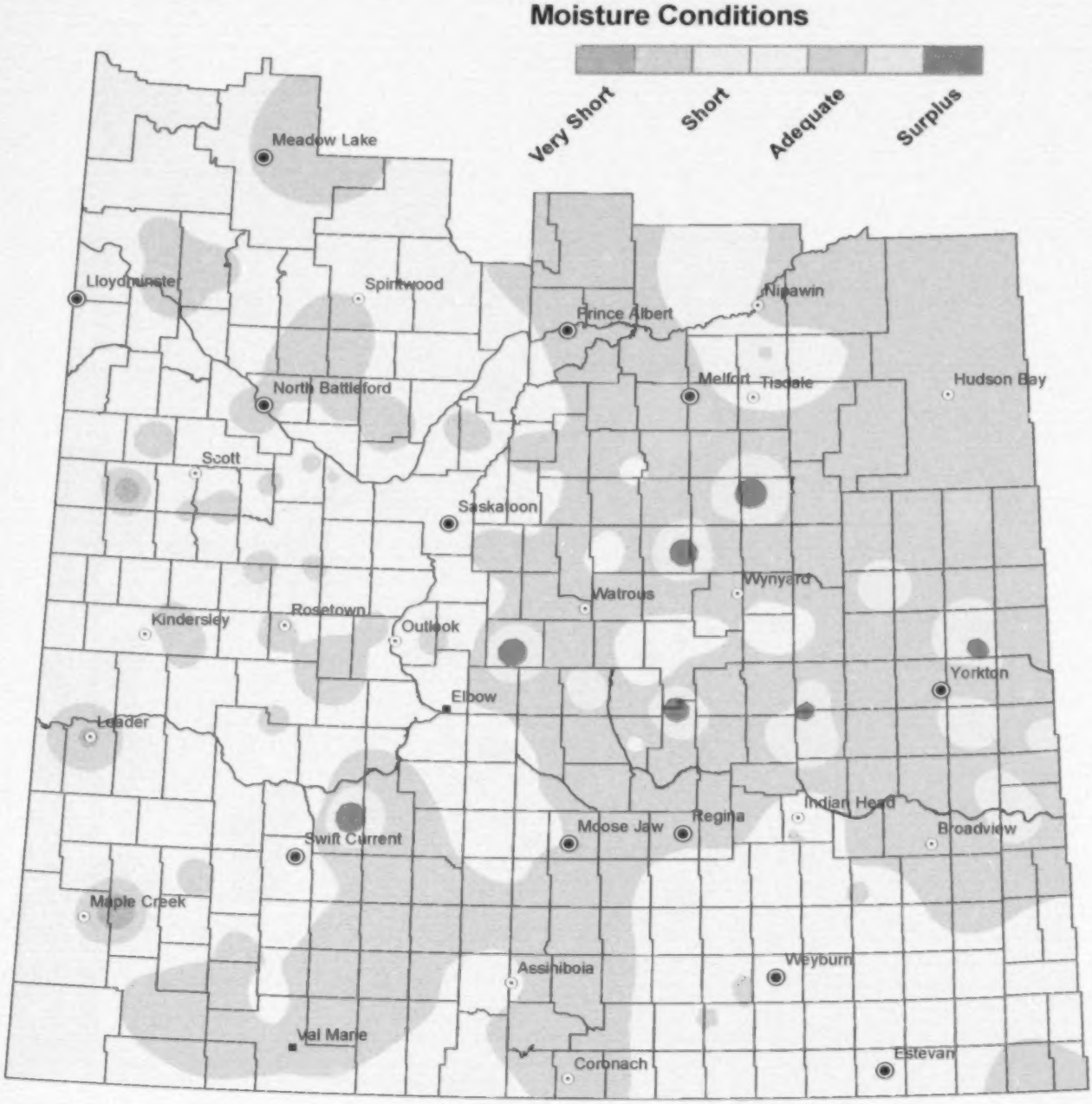

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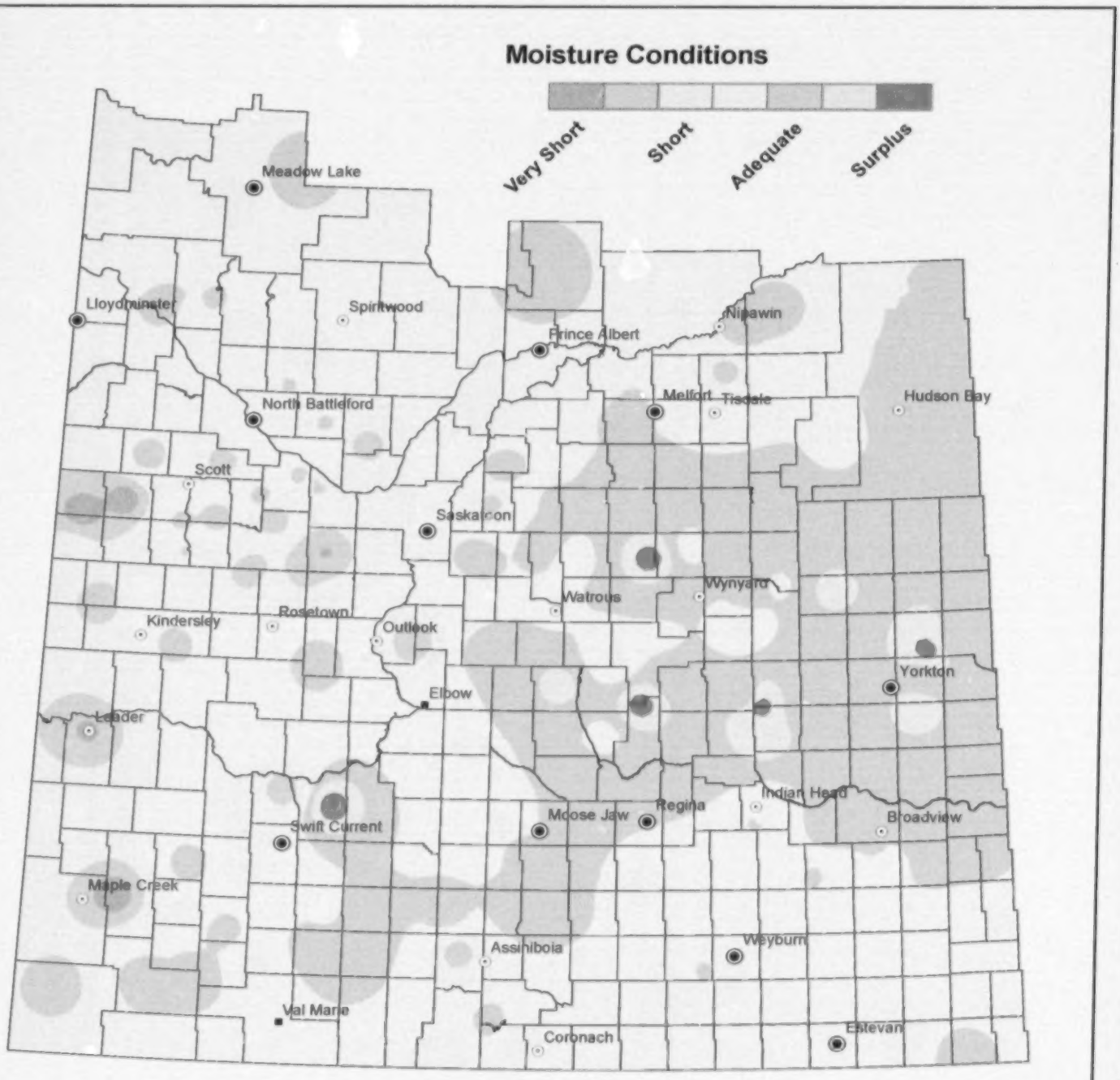

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Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

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Data Source:
Moisture - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

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